वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) पुष्पोत्पादन को ग्रस्ट क्षेत्र के रूप में अभिज्ञात किया गया है और विश्व में इसकी बढ़ती हुई मांग का लाभ उठाने के लिए कदम उठाए गए हैं।

(ग) से (ङ) ऐसी सूचना है कि सिंगापुर 1993 तक एक पुष्प नीलामी केन्द्र शुरू कर रहा है। जब भी सिंगापुर में ऐसी नीलामी केन्द्र स्थापित हो जाएगा निर्यातक अपनी उपज को बिक्री करके और बाजार जानकारी आदि द्वारा इसका लाभ उठा सकेंगे।

Trade air Complex in Madras

2722. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a permanent Trade Fair Complex in Madras city; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) There is no proopsal to set up a permanent trade Fair complex in Madras by the Central Government. However, Government of Tamilnadu and erstwhile Trade air Authority of India (now known as India Trade Promotion Organisation) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding in August, '91 to promote a permanent trade fair complex at Madras through a joint venture company between erstwhile Trade air Authority of India and Govt. of Tamilnadu. As reported by India Trade Promotion Organisation, Government of Tamilnadu has already identified the land for the project.

Export of Kangra Tea

2723. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign countries have enquired about the availability of Kangra tea for export to their countries;

(b) if so, the names of these countries and the nature of their queries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to export Kangra tea in the near future; and

(d) if so, the targets fixed for export, country-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Some enquiries have been received for export of Kangra tea to Germany.

(c) Government's policy is to export all tea's including Kangra tea.

(d) No target for export is fixed with respect to origin of the Indian tea, therefore, no specific target of export of Kangra tea has been fixed.

Cases of non-payment of gratuity to ITPO Employees

2724. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the gratuity to the employees of his Ministry who were transferred on deputation in the year 1970-71 and 1971-72 and subsequently absorbed permanently in Trade Development Authority now ITPO, under the administrative control of his Ministry was not paid to them at the time of their retirement during the years, 1990-91 and 1991-92 due to noncompletion of some formalities both by his Ministry and the ITPO;

(b) if so, the number of such cases with actual dates of retirement and payment of gratuity in each case;

(c) whether Government have recevied representation from the employees for